

PENDING CLAIMS:

1. (previously presented) A client-side information processing apparatus in communication with a registration center, said client-side information processing apparatus comprising:

a storage unit; and

a processor,

detecting a password input error at the client-side information processing apparatus,

registering information identifying the client-side information processing apparatus in a first database of the registration center when the password input error is detected, and

storing transmission log information related to the registration in the registration center into said storage unit of said client-side information processing apparatus.

2. (previously presented) The client-side information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said processor transmits to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in said storage unit of said client-side information processing apparatus, and locks the client-side information processing apparatus if the information identifying the client-side information processing apparatus is registered in the first database or the second database.

3. (previously presented) The client-side information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said processor outputs a warning if the information related to the client-side information processing apparatus is registered in the second database.

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (previously presented) An information processing apparatus in communication with first and second client-side apparatuses, the information processing apparatus comprising:

a first database registering information identifying the first client-side apparatus when notified of a password input error at the first client-side apparatus by the first client-side apparatus;

a second database registering the information identifying the first client-side apparatus when the information identifying the first client-side apparatus is requested by the second client-side apparatus and the information identifying the first client-side apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second client-side apparatus; and

a processor to control registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

7. (previously presented) The information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein said processor deletes the information related to the first client-side apparatus from said first database when a request to delete the information related to the first client-side apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or deletes the information related to the first client-side apparatus from the second database when a request to delete the information related to the first client-side apparatus is received with respect to said second database, in response to the transmission from the second client-side apparatus.

8. (previously presented) A method of controlling a client-side information processing apparatus in communication with a registration center, said method comprising:

detecting a password input error at the client-side information processing apparatus;
registering information identifying the client-side information processing apparatus by transmitting to a first database of the registration center when the password input error is detected; and

storing transmission log information related to the transmission to the registration center within the client-side information processing apparatus.

9. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:
transmitting to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in the client-side information processing apparatus; and

making a system lock with respect to the client-side information processing apparatus if the information identifying the client-side information processing apparatus is registered in the first database or the second database.

10. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, further comprising:
outputting a warning if the information identifying the client-side information processing apparatus is registered in the second database.

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (previously presented) A method of controlling an information processing apparatus in communication with first and second client-side apparatuses, said method comprising:

registering information identifying the first client-side apparatus in a first database when notified of a password input error at the first client-side apparatus by the first client-side apparatus;

registering the information identifying the first client-side apparatus in a second database when the information identifying the first client-side apparatus is requested by the second client-side apparatus and the information identifying the first client-side apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second client-side apparatus; and

controlling registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

14. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

deleting the information identifying the first client-side apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information identifying the first client-side apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second client-side apparatus.

15. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8, which is applied to a control program or an operating system of the information processing apparatus.

16. (previously presented) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program for causing a client-side computer to control access through a registration center, said program causing the computer to execute:

detecting a password input error at the client-side computer;

registering information identifying the client-side computer by making a transmission to a first database of the registration center when the password input error is detected; and

storing in a storage unit transmission log information related to the transmission to the registration center.

17. (previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, program further causing the client-side computer to execute:

transmitting to a second database of the registration center if the transmission log information is stored in said storage unit; and

causing a system lock with respect to the client-side computer if the information identifying the client-side computer is registered in the first database or the second database.

18. (previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 17, program causing the client-side computer to execute:

outputting a warning if the information identifying the client-side computer is registered in the second database.

19. (cancelled)

20. (cancelled)

21. (previously presented) A computer-readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to control access through a registration center, program causing the computer to execute:

registering information identifying a first client-side apparatus in a first database when notified of a password input error at the first client-side apparatus by the first client-side apparatus;

registering the information identifying the first client-side apparatus in a second database when the information identifying the first client-side apparatus is requested by a second client-side apparatus and the information identifying the first client-side apparatus is registered in said first database, in response to a transmission from the second client-side apparatus; and

controlling registration of information to and deletion of information from said first database and said second database.

22. (previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 21, program further causing the computer to execute:

deleting the information identifying the first client-side apparatus from said first database and/or said second database when a request to delete the information identifying the first client-

side apparatus is received with respect to said first database and/or said second database, in response to the transmission from the second client-side apparatus.

23. (previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 16, wherein said program forms a portion of a control program or an operating system of the computer.

24-29. (cancelled)

30. (previously presented) The computer-readable storage medium as claimed in claim 21, wherein said program forms a portion of a control program or an operating system of the computer.

31. (previously presented) The client-side information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the information identifying the client-side information processing apparatus includes model information.

32. (previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the information identifying the first client-side apparatus includes model information.

33. (previously presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein the information identifying the client-side information processing apparatus includes model information.

34. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the information identifying the first client-side apparatus includes model information.

35. (previously presented) An apparatus comprising:

a registration center comprising a first database; and

a client comprising:

a storage unit; and

a processor,

detecting a password input error at the client,

registering information identifying the client in the first database of the registration center when the password input error is detected, and

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storing transmission log information related to the registration in the registration center into said storage unit.